



Board of Directors Meeting

October 22, 2026

Good morning.

The meeting will begin just after 9:30 a.m. For members of the public on Zoom – for Public Comment, please use the chat function to communicate to the meeting secretary to indicate which agenda items you would like to speak to.

Please keep your device on mute until called upon to speak.

If using the Zoom dial-in option, use *6 to mute and un-mute your phone.

Please take notice that this public meeting of the 32nd District Agricultural Association, a California state institution, is being recorded using video recording equipment. Please also take notice that the 32nd District Agricultural Association will release video recordings of its public meetings where required under California law.

Please keep your device on mute

The Mission of OCFEC is...

Enhancing equitable community access
to agriculture, entertainment, cultural
and educational experiences



3. Pledge of Allegiance



4. Roll Call

Board of Directors

Chair Barbara Bagneris

Vice Chair Robert Ruiz

Director Newton Pham

Director Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia

Director Tanya Bilezikjian

Director Dimetria Jackson

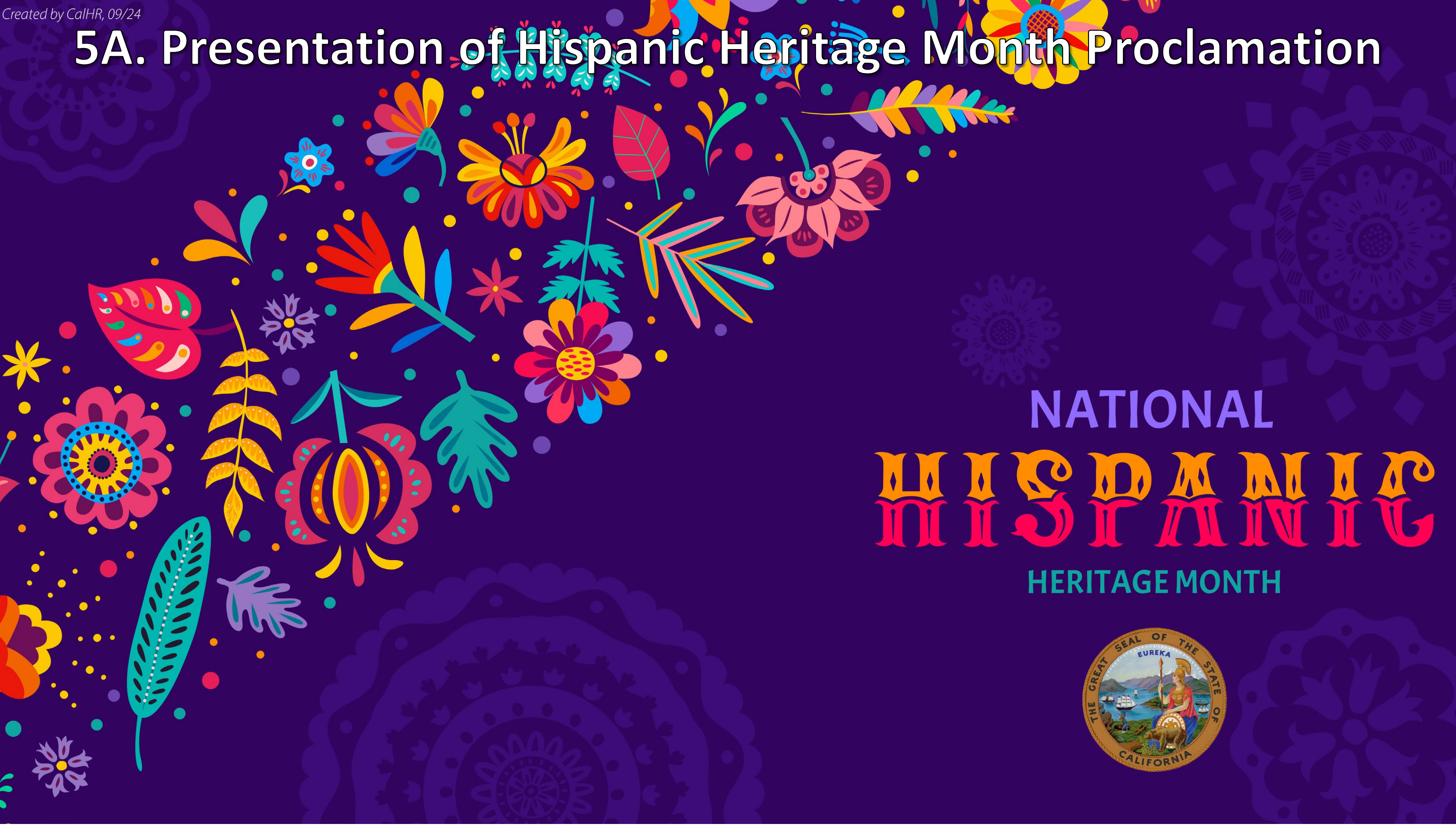
Director Martha Sanchez Cannady

Director Michelle Murphy

Director Priti Vakharria



5A. Presentation of Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation



NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH



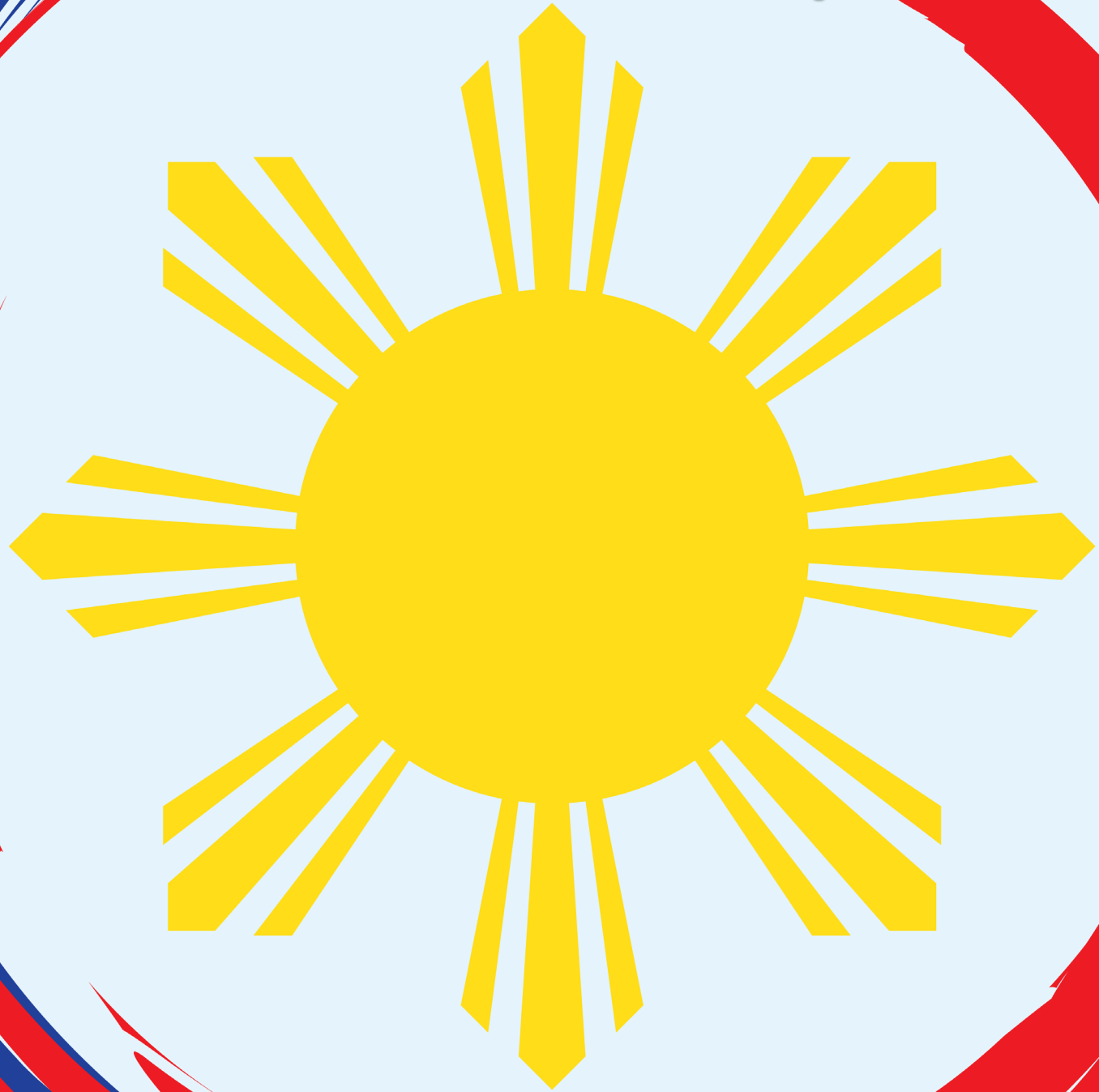
5A. Presentation of Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation by Community Affairs Committee

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Committee will present a proclamation to Diputada Yesenia Rojas Cervantes.

The Committee is honoring Diputada Yesenia Rojas Cervantes for her public service, leadership, and advocacy on behalf of Latino families and working communities. As a State Deputy in the Congress of Guanajuato, Mexico, she works to strengthen ties between government and the communities it serves. A strong advocate for working families in Orange County, she champions the Latino and immigrant communities, promoting fair treatment, dignity, and access to essential resources while helping families navigate immigration-related challenges. Her continued commitment to uplifting families, supporting workers, and building stronger, more inclusive communities exemplifies the spirit of Hispanic Heritage Month.



5B. Presentation of Filipino American History Month Proclamation



FILIPINO AMERICAN *HISTORY MONTH*



5B. Presentation of Filipino American History Month

Proclamation by Community Affairs Committee

In recognition of Filipino American History Month, the Committee will present a proclamation to Christina Zabat-Fran.

The Committee is honoring Ms. Zabat-Fran for her professional leadership and contributions to the Filipino American community. She made history as the first Filipino American president of the Orange County Bar Association and co-founded Filipino Lawyers of Orange County to advance representation and professional development. With nearly two decades of legal leadership experience, she has been recognized for her advocacy, community service, and pro bono work.



6. Minutes

A. Board meeting held September 24, 2026

Action Item



7. Matters of Public Comment

Public comment is allowed on issues NOT on the current agenda. However, no debate by the Board shall be permitted on such public comments, and no action will be taken on such public comment items at this time, as law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. Speakers are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting and are limited to three minutes.

Comments will be accepted on all other agenda items at the time each item is listed on the agenda. Speakers wishing to address the Board on items on the agenda are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting and identify the agenda item(s) on which you desire to address the Board. Speakers are limited to three minutes.



8. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under Consent Calendar are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the CEO. They will be enacted in one motion by category in the order listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors votes on the motion, unless members of the board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

Any member of the public who wishes to discuss Consent Calendar items should notify the Chair of the Board, at the time requested and be recognized by invitation of the Chair to address the Board.



9. Closed Session

- A. Pending Litigation** – The Board will meet in closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding the following pending litigation. [Gov. Code section 11126(e).]
- i. To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the 32nd District Agricultural Association. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board of Directors will decide whether to initiate litigation. (Govt. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).)
 - ii. To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the 32nd District Agricultural Association. Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the 32nd District Agricultural Association. (Govt. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).)
 - iii. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 32nd DAA is a party. Changing Strides, et al., v. 32nd District Agricultural Association, et. al., Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2024-01421750
 - iv. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 32nd DAA is a party. Changing Strides, et al., v. 32nd District Agricultural Association, et. al., Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2024-01423147
- B. Personnel:** The Board will meet in closed session to consider the evaluation of performance of the General Manager / CEO. [Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (a).]



9. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

Event & Sponsorship Sales Update

- Tandem Agreement Ending
 - Declined to Extend Agreement / Ends November 30
 - Tandem Ceasing Operations
- Event Sales Brought In-House Under CBDO
 - Potential to Retain Staff / Restructure Existing Team
- RFP Issued for New Sponsorship Sales Partner
 - Increased Sales Goal / Dedicated Sponsorship Effort
 - Retain Current / Expand Regional & National Sponsors



9. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

- CCA Update
 - Embedded Construction Manager
 - Multiple Qualified Candidates
 - Screening / Review Underway
 - Review of Projects
 - Master Site Plan
 - Pac-Amp Stage / Back Of House / Concourse
 - Show Building Additions
 - ASA / Livestock Arena
 - OVG Capital Projects
 - Renovation / Expansion of Baja
 - Upgrade of Concessions / F&B Areas



9. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

- Community / Industry Engagement
 - IEBA (International Entertainment Buyers Association)
 - Michele Capps – Lisa Sexton
- Lisa Sexton Recognized as Buyer of the Year!



9. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

Pac-Amp Season Recap

- 35 Total Shows
 - 5 Pre-Fair / 23 Fair / 7 Post-Fair
 - 202,335 Tickets Including Comps – 70% of Capacity
 - \$14,531,494 in Total Ticket Sales
 - \$2,712,959 in Net Ancillary Revenue
 - \$17,244,453 in Total Revenue
 - \$5,500,093 in Net Revenue - \$157,145 Average Per Show
 - Highest Grossing Show Nelly / Too Short \$728,898 - New Record



9. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

- New Event Announcements
 - OC Auto Show
 - Dates Confirmed
 - Motor-Sports Events
 - Expanding Partnership With Existing Promoter
 - 1 – New Show
 - 1 – Existing Event Expanded
 - PAC-AMP
 - 11 Shows Confirmed for 2027 VS. 4 Same Time Last Year



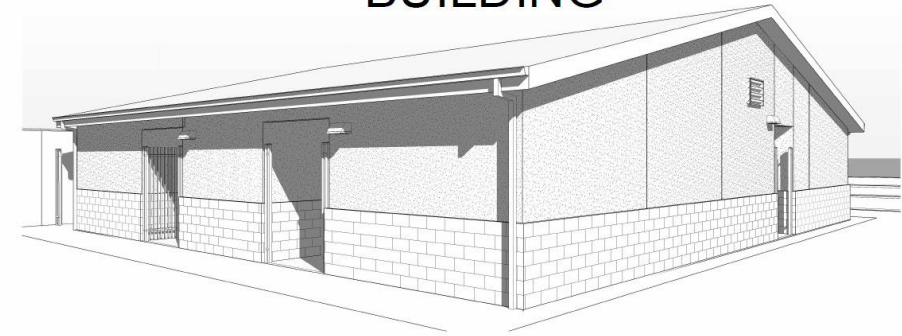
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Facilities Update

- **Campground Restroom**

- Grading / Sitework Underway
- Relocation of Edison Line

OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER
CAMPGROUND RESTROOM & SHOWER
BUILDING



- **Pacific Amphitheatre**

- Restroom Renovation Underway
- Engineering & Design of Stage Roof
- Backstage Area



11A. Presentation of Proposed 2027 Board Meeting Schedule and Vote on Whether or Not to Approve

Board Policy 3.05 states, “Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held monthly on the fourth Thursday or at the discretion of the Board Chair, for no less than eight months per year, with the exception of the November meeting which will be held on the third Thursday or at the discretion of the Board Chair. The December regular meeting date will remain at the Board Chair’s discretion. Because the 32nd DAA hosts the annual OC Fair from mid-July to mid-August, there will not be a July or August Board meeting unless specifically requested and approved by the Board.”



11A. Presentation of Proposed 2027 Board Meeting Schedule and Vote on Whether or Not to Approve

Based on the Board's approved schedule for meetings in 2026, staff is recommending the following schedule for 2027:

- January 28, 2027 at 9:30am
- February 25, 2027 at 9:30am
- March 26, 2027 at 9:30am
- April 22, 2027 at 9:30am
- May 27, 2027 at 9:30am
- June 24, 2027 at 9:30am
- NO MEETING IN JULY
- NO MEETING IN AUGUST
- September 23, 2027 at 9:30am
- October 28, 2027 at 9:30am
- November 18, 2027 at 9:30am
- December 16, 2027 at 9:30am

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2027 Board meeting schedule as presented.



11B. Consideration of and Vote on the Board of Directors Nominating Task Force Recommendation and Election of Board Officers

INFORMATION ITEM:

The Task Force members will present their recommendation for Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026-2027 term. The new Board Chair and Vice Chair will assume leadership after the October 22, 2026 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Task Force's recommendations for Board Chair and Vice Chair.



11C. Committee/Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

INFORMATION ITEM:

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September 2026 Financials

		Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
September 2026				
Revenue		\$ 2,238,058	\$ 3,659,401	(\$ 1,421,342)
September 2026				
Expenses		<u>\$ 5,867,545</u>	<u>\$ 5,943,474</u>	<u>\$ 75,929</u>
September 2026 Net Proceeds/(Loss)		<u>(\$ 3,629,487)</u>	<u>(\$ 2,284,073)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,345,413)</u>



Cash and Cash Equivalents

	<u>September 30, 2026</u>	<u>September 30, 2025</u>
Cash on Hand	\$ 10,524,270	\$ 2,424,623
Investments	<u>\$ 66,747,741</u>	<u>\$ 65,713,067</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 77,272,011</u>	<u>\$ 68,137,690</u>
Year over Year Change	<u>\$ 9,134,321</u>	
Year over Year % Change	13.4%	



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12. Upcoming Events Preview



Now -Oct 31



TONIGHT



Oct 24 - 25



Oct 24



Oct 28



Oct 31



Oct 31 - Nov 1



Nov 6 - 8



Nov 7 - 8



Nov 7 - 8



Nov 13 - 14



Every
Thursday



12. Upcoming Events Preview

Centennial Farm
Workshops



Oct 30



Nov 14



NEW EXHIBITION -
GRAND OPENING NOV. 14

**COURAGEOUS
COMPANIONS**
ANIMALS IN AMERICAN WARS

CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY

SATURDAY, NOV. 14
NOON-3 P.M.

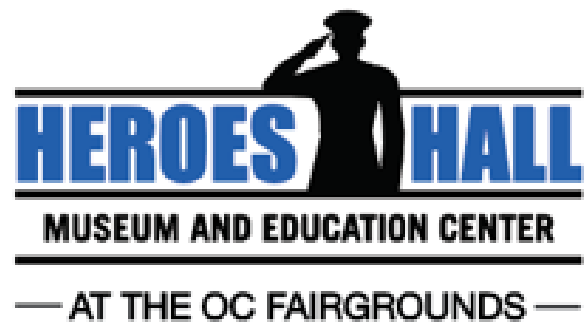


Heroes
Hall
Happenings



12. Upcoming Events Preview

Courageous Companions: Animals in American Wars



November 14, 2026 – September 2027



The Ranch Community Center – Boarding Report

Trainer List

All visitors and clients must sign a waiver with The Ranch Community Center office.

Citrus Hill Farms

Competition Show Jumping Barn
Robyn and Demi Stiegler
(949) 355-9557 | (949) 633-4116
citrushillfarms.com
[@citrushillfarms_official](https://www.instagram.com/citrushillfarms_official)

K Barn
Disciplines Taught: Equitation, Hunters, Jumpers & Ponies
Rider Experience Level: Intermediate and Advanced
Horses Available: Yes

Johnny 6 Stables

Horseback Riding Lessons
Johnny and Amanda Groce
(408) 630-0105
johnny6stables.com
[@johnny_6_stables](https://www.instagram.com/johnny_6_stables)

L Barn
Disciplines Taught: Western, Saddleseat and Gaited
Rider Experience Level: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate,
and Advanced
Rider Minimum Age Requirement: 3
Lesson Horse Provided: Yes

Moonstone Riding Academy

Horseback Riding Lessons & Training
Kim Stanford
(714) 402-0478
[@moonstone_ridingacademy](https://www.instagram.com/moonstone_ridingacademy)

L Barn
Disciplines Taught: Hunters, Jumpers, Equitation and Show
Rider Experience Level: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate,
and Advanced
Rider Minimum Age Requirement: 5
Lesson Horse Provided: Yes

Walk Intuit

Non-Profit Equine Assisted Therapy
(213) 286-1031
walkintuit.org
info@walkintuit.com

H and I Barn
Disciplines Taught: Equine Assisted Psychotherapy
Therapy Horse Provided: Yes
Many insurances accepted
Volunteers' welcome sign-up on Walk Intuit's website

Zequestrian

Horseback Riding Lessons
Sara Zomo
(949) 306-8075 (Text only)
[@zequestrian](https://www.instagram.com/zequestrian)

M Barn
Disciplines Taught: English, Hunters and Jumpers
Rider Experience Level: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate,
and Advanced
Rider Minimum Age Requirement: 3
Lesson Horse Provided: Yes

Current status

- 37 Horses boarded
 - o 29 (private boarding)
 - o 9 (community boarding - Walk Intuit)
- 18 tack rooms
- 5 trailers
- 2 Lockers

Total invoiced for the month of October 2026 -
\$51,591.50.



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RANCH
COMMUNITY
CENTER
 — AT THE OC FAIRGROUNDS —



2026 TRCC Monthly Report

	January to June	July	August	Sept	Total
Large Animal Evacuation Order	0	0	0	0	0
# of animal intakes*	200	0	0	0	200
Ranch Discovery Day	2	0	0	0	2
# of attendees	825	0	0	0	825
# of OCF volunteers	12	0	0	0	12
# of partner organizations	24	0	0	0	24
Ranch After School Program Days**	20	0	0	1	21
# of attendees (<i>repeat students</i>)	18	0	0	22	44
OTHER events					
Example: Special trainings, horse shows, clinics, etc.	9	0	1	1	11
*** WALK INTUIT STATS ***					
	January to June	July	August	Sept	Total
# of client sessions	1,827	320	269	301	2,717
# of Walk Intuit events***	50	8	8	4	70
# of Walk Intuit event attendees	367	30	15	25	437
# of volunteers shifts	1,049	49	49	50	1,197
# of volunteers	166	43	60	41	310
# of OCFEC Event Days (WI Participation)	16	0	5	2	23
Example: CFDD, RDD, RASP, IO, OCF					

September 2026



Agriculture Education Programs

School Tour Program

Total Jr. Farmer Tours

5

Total Jr. Farmer Tour Students

83

Total Discovery Days

1

Total Discovery Day Students

465

Total Ranch Students

22

Farm & Garden Classes

Total F&G Classes

1

Total F&G Participants

27

Total Community Impact

597 People

Volunteer Program

Total Volunteer Hours: 365.5

College Corps Program

Total 2026-2027 Fellows: 5

FFA Greenhand Leadership

Conf., Sept. 23

Total Participants: 168

Centennial Farm

Impact Report

September 2026

September Farm & Garden Classes

Hydroponics for the Home Gardener

September 12 - 27 Participants



2026-2027 College Corps Fellows, Vanguard Univ.



October Farm & Garden Classes

OCTOBER 10

YOUR GUIDE TO URBAN CHICKEN KEEPING

WITH ADAM WAUGH

21 PARTICIPANTS



OCTOBER 17

MAKE IT, TAKE IT: REPURPOSING PUMPKINS INTO SUCCULENT PLANTERS

WITH KYLIE GILLIAM

29 PARTICIPANTS



Upcoming Farm & Garden Classes

NOVEMBER 14

WICKING HYDROPONICS FOR SOIL-FREE GARDENING

WITH UC MASTER GARDENERS

10 A.M. - NOON

COST: \$7



NOVEMBER 21

MAKE IT, TAKE IT: COWBOY CANDY & BALSAMIC-ONION JAM

WITH UC MASTER FOOD PRESERVERS

9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

COST: \$45



DECEMBER 5

MAKE IT, TAKE IT: WINTER WREATHS

WITH MARIE GREGORY, FLORAL DESIGNER

SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. - NOON

SESSION II: 1 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

COST: \$85



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY!

DIRECTOR BILEZIKJIAN



13. Board of Directors Matters of Information

14. Next Board Meeting

November 19, 2026

Other upcoming meetings:

Financial Monitoring & Audit Committee – 2027 Budget Study Session

➤ **November 12, 2026 at 3pm**



OCTOBER FAIR &
EVENT CENTER

